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UPDATED LAW BOOK RELEASE

Bowls Australia has released "Laws of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition" **WHICH WILL NOT COME INTO FORCE IN NSW UNTIL 1ST JULY 2023.** Copies of the law Book will be available from the NDBA Office when stocks are received from bowls Australia.

Many of the changes are cosmetic however there are two new far-reaching Laws that you should be aware of as follows:

37.1.3 If a bowl in its original course is deliberately displaced or stopped by a member of the team that delivered the bowl **the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.**

37.1.5.3 If a player lifts a bowl at rest on their rink to allow their team's bowl in its original course to pass, **the defaulting team will forfeit the game to their opponent.**

(a "bowl or jack in its original course" is a jack or a bowl from its delivery until it comes to rest, no matter how times (for a bowl) it comes into contact with the jack or other bowls before it comes to rest or becomes dead)

When can a bowl be stopped legally?

The Markers duties make it clear that a Marker MUST stop a bowl from a neighbouring rink if the bowl could move a jack or bowl at rest. (Law 42.2.11)

Bowl displacement by a bowl from a neighbouring rink Law 37.6.1.2 allows any player on that rink to stop a bowl from a neighbouring rink if a bowl at rest is in danger of being moved by a bowl from a neighbouring rink.

Law 37.6.1.1 also allows a player to lift a bowl at rest to allow the bowl from the neighbouring rink to pass and then replace it. NOAG prefers the action of stopping a bowl from a neighbouring rink in preference to lifting, but both are permissible under the Laws of the Sport.

These new Laws were not introduced to "punish" players that stop a bowl from entering the ditch that hasn't disturbed the head. The World Bowls law Committee understands this occurs on a regular basis, but it is a timely reminder and a key message from the Laws Committee that no bowl belonging to the players on the rink of play should be lifted, stopped or displaced.

The message from the Umpires Committee is that you are required to comply with these Laws however we hope that our Officials use some common sense when one of these offences occur.

NDBA Umpires Committee
13th April 2023.